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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT
TOPIC <u>Puehritz Airfield</u> 25X1	
EVALUATION <u></u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u></u> 25X1
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REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED Information</u> 25X1	

1. During May 1954, there was air activity by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s at Puehritz airfield. The aircraft usually took off in elements ^{of two} and always landed individually. Occasionally, two elements took off at an interval of 45 to 60 seconds. Firing at towed sleeve targets was repeatedly practiced. During night flying activity, the runway was illuminated by white lights on both sides of the runway and by searchlights which were turned off when the landing aircraft had taxied for some time. In mid-May, about 5 additional searchlights were in operation directing their beams on the aircraft aloft.¹ 25X1
2. From a distance of 1,500 meters, a radar set probably of Token type was observed on the shore of Ribnitz Lake east of Koeppenbergl. Another set of the same type was located on Wolfsberg, about 1.6 km south-southwest of the church in Ribnitz.²
3. On 25, 26 and 28 May, during daylight and at night, there was comparatively little air activity by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s. During air activity, a vehicle mounting a searchlight, about 150 cm in diameter, was parked at the end of the runway. On 25 May, a total of 48 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were parked at the field, including 24 arranged side-by-side on the second runway, and the other aircraft in front of hangars 2 to 4. 25X1
4. No special vehicles for the shipping of bombs were observed at the field. Only a small trailer mounting compressed-air flasks was seen. 25X1
5. Another fuel dump with 12 containers was observed at the field. Each of the containers was surrounded by an embankment, about 15 meters high. A barbed wire fence extended around the dump.¹ 25X1
6. A Token-type radar set was observed near Koeppenbergl. Two additional radar sets, including 1 Kniferest-type set and possibly 1 Fishnet-type set, were located near the northeastern curve of the taxiway.²

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7. Between 26 May and 11 June, firing at towed sleeve targets was continued by MiG-15s and U-2MiG-15s. In early June, parachute jumps were made from Mi-2s. Lives from an altitude of about 2,000 meters were repeatedly practiced at a steep angle. During these practices, some aircraft peeled off and others pushed down with their noses.
8. A letter with the following address was observed: "To the chief of the officers' club, Major Borodvinov, Puetnitz airfield". The sender was the "Pest Destruction Institute Rostock."
9. For the first time in late May, a Token-type radar set was observed on Wolfsberg, about 4 km south of the field. The radio installation with one mast was no longer observed in the eastern extension of the runway just west of the brook after 6 June.
10. On 4 June, 19 MiG-15s and U-2MiG-15s were counted at the field, including 4 alert aircraft. There was intensive air activity by aircraft taking off in elements of two and formations of four. After the take-off, the aircraft climbed quickly. The landings were made after 20 to 30 minutes. During the afternoon on 17 June, no air activity was observed. At 2130, a green ground signal was fired from the western end of the runway. Shortly afterward, the sound of running jet engines was heard and 8 minutes after the ground signal was shot a jet aircraft took off while the airfield was not illuminated. Only some lights were seen near the take-off point. The aircraft remained aloft for 20 minutes and then landed after the runway lights were switched on. At 2215, another take-off was made from the dark field.
11. During air activity, the Token-type radar set near Koeppenberg was in operation. East of this set was a Kniferest-type radar set. The PIV-45 DF station was observed at its previous location. In June, a radio installation with one mast was seen about 75 meters from the DF station.
12. [REDACTED]
1. [REDACTED] Comment. Puetnitz airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. Training activity by the regiment has continued here on a large scale. Aircraft [REDACTED] belongs to Jueterbog, [REDACTED] is reported for the first time, and the other numbers have previously been observed in Puetnitz. Major Borodvinov is reported for the first time. All the motor vehicle numbers reported have previously been observed in Puetnitz. For location of new fuel dump, see Annex.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. The radar sets have been reported several times. A Token-type set changed its location.

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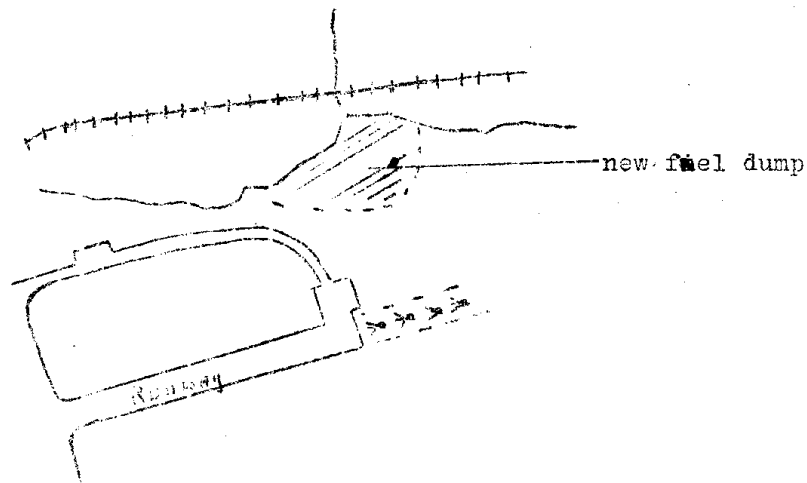
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Annex

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Location Sketch of New Fuel Dump at Puertnita Airstfield



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